

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, and Mike Daubenspeck answered roll call. Aaron Gurley was not present.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. July 26 is the date for the Overlook closeout and ribbon cutting.
2. We had our first handbook meeting today. We will meet again on August 13 to begin going over the chapters.
3. We met yesterday to discuss the Covid grant. The grant is for local businesses for \$250,000.00.
4. Met with the Fire department to discuss some concerns they had.
5. Dakota Young stopped by today and wanted to express his appreciation for the care he received from the City after he was injured in an accident.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier wished Nicholas Pavey a happy 18th birthday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **John McCane – ECDC –** ECDC Director McCane gave the following report:
 1. We had a site visit on June 24th with Project Chief. They requested additional information which we have provided.
 2. We have closed Project Boat. They went to Franklin.
 3. Project Husky is still open. More information has been submitted to the State.

4. Project Pete (Cormo) has pulled all operations from Rushville.
 5. Project Moon River (Jordan Manufacturing) is looking to expand their operations.
 6. We have 3 solar companies looking at our community. Project Lightsource BP is looking at 625 acres in Northeast Rush County and plan to invest \$132 million. Expected construction is late summer or early fall of 2021. Project Solar #2 is currently under contract for 2,500 acres. Project Solar #3 is under contract for 1,200 acres.
 7. We continue visiting regularly with our industries.
 8. We completed our strategic plan in May.
 9. We are Involved in the READI program.
 10. We will be having a workshop here on Thursday.
 11. OCRA will be working on an opportunity plan that has been pushed back to August.
 12. We are currently trying to fill Abby's position.
 13. We have been hosting Workforce Collaboration meetings with the goal to create a workforce backbone for Rush County.
 14. Monday we received \$5,000.00 for our revolving loan fund for small businesses.
 15. We are busy with the former Walmart building. We meet every Friday via Zoom. Trane is currently leasing the building.
 16. There will be 2 more apartment complexes beginning construction March 1st.
 17. We have been discussing a warehouse proposal for Commerce Park.
 18. There are several buildings that are having work done so they can house businesses.
 19. We have been granted \$250,000.00 for businesses effected by Covid.
- **Stellar Designation (July 26, 2021) Overlook** – Ribbon cutting with the Governor and Odra.
 - **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Two concerts were scheduled and 2 have been cancelled.
 - **Community Center** –
 - **Housing-Boulder's Schedule** – The pavement has been installed.
 - **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Councilman Marzon said he attended a Celebration of Life for Marcia Crowdus.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Director Burklow reported that the Board of Works gave him approval to open the hiring process for a full-time employee.

They are working with Schutte to complete the Overlook and Gateway so it will be ready for the ribbon cutting on Monday.

Fire – Chief Munson said he has received confirmation for one of his new employees to begin work. He expects to be notified on Thursday regarding the other employee. He anticipated being able to have them start working Monday.

Code – Director Jenkins passed out a Comcate semi-annual report.

Animal – Director Hanna said the new kennels are being worked on. They will be back on Thursday. They are currently offering free adoption due to having a large number of animals.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that the Board of Works authorized Covid hazard pay of \$1000.00 to each of the police department full time employees.

Utility – Utility Commissioner Shook said he is looking forward to working with the Board of Works and told Council that he is available any time if they should have any questions or concerns.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that the Board of Works gave him permission to hire Clinton Thomas for a period of 12 weeks to work on the trash truck.

They have started painting crosswalks by the schools.

A pipe has collapsed at Wilson Estates that they will start repairing tomorrow.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Bridges said during the heavy rain he received a complaint about flooding on Diane Court. He called Commissioner Miller and he took care of it. Miller said the pipe appears to be too small.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Indiana READI Regional Application – Accelerate Rural Indiana-** We continue to meet weekly.
 - a. Advisory Committee –
 - b. Interlocal Agreements –
2. **Annexation Former Wal-Mart Retention/Detention Pond –**
 - a. Public Hearing August 3, 2021 –
3. **North Washington Street – Developer RFP (Russell Brown- Clark, Quinn Law) –** Informational:
 - a. Documents/Steps Required/Timelines
 - b. Drainage Approval
 - c. Appraisals
 - d. Legal Descriptions (Completed)
 - e. Swap with Fairgrounds Agreement/Contract
 - f. Resolution Approving Swap
4. **Joint Special Meeting Update** –The Utility Board voted to give a favorable recommendation to Ordinance 2021-15.

- a. Ordinance 2021-15 Replacing Utility Service Board with the Board of Works –
 - b. Schedule Public Hearing – August 3 –
5. **Ambulance Contract Extension Conversation (Editable Electronic File)** – We had our first internal meeting. We have an editable form to work with. We will schedule a meeting to revise the contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police – Side by Side Fees** – Chief Tucker said they have been made aware that we are prohibited from charging additional fees for side by side vehicles. Tucker said the expense and his time amounts to approximately \$200.00-\$300.00s. He said the handgun fee has also been abolished. Bridges said he would like to make up for this expense with money budgeted from Council's budget. Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2021-21 amending Ordinance 2021-12. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Fire/Rescue Ambulance Remount** - To be discussed at our next meeting.
3. **Park Department:**
 - a. **Suggestion to remove Backstop at CJD Park** – Director Burklow said he had a conversation with the Little League Board to see if they had use for the backstop. He also spoke with Frank Denzler who is putting together an infield and will be working with kids year-round. Denzler said this would be very useful. Burklow asked the Little League Board if they had any objection to giving it to Denzler. They agreed it would serve the best use by Denzler. It was determined that the backstop held no value and Bridges moved to give the backstop to Line Drive. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. **Pickle Ball Former Horseshoe Pit** – Burklow said there has been interest in the community for a pickle ball court. He visited Connersville's facility. They have a large amount of people traveling to surrounding communities to play pickle ball. They can fit 3 courts at the former horseshoe pit for the same price that he can do a basketball court. He said they have had someone offer to pay for the resurfacing the court so the only cost would be for the nets and posts. Bridges made a motion to move forward with the pickle ball court. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2021-22- Amend Salary Ordinance** – Next meeting.
5. **Heathy Roots – Ordinance 2021-23 Rescind Tax Abatement** – Marzon moved to approve Ordinance 2021-23. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Berkemeier made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Ordinance 2021-24 Modifying the Tree Ordinance – Daubenspeck moved to approve Ordinance 2021-24. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.